Message from the Program Co-Chairs

The program for APSEC '96 consists of three keynote addresses, two panel sessions, and 45 technical paper presentations divided into 15 sessions. The program committee received 118 paper submissions: 19 from Australia, 18 from Europe and North America, and 81 from Asia. Each paper was carefully reviewed by at least three referees in each relevant field based on originality, significance, correctness, presentation, and relevance to the conference. After this rigorous review process, 45 papers were selected for inclusion in the program and presentation. These carefully selected papers were divided into 15 presentation sessions with topics covering important software engineering issues. We regret that we could not include many excellent papers due to the lack of time and space. We would like to thank all of the authors who submitted their valuable work for consideration. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Program Committee and other reviewers for their extraordinary efforts in reviewing the papers and making this conference a reality.

We are very fortunate to have three keynote speakers; all are leaders in software engineering from industry and academia: Taik-Ho Kim, President and CEO of Hyundai Information Technology Co., Ltd.; Takuya Katayama of the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; and William E. Howden of the University of California at San Diego. We are greatly indebted to them for accepting our invitation to address this conference. We believe that the audience for their speeches will be inspired by their rich experience and insight into current issues of software engineering and future trends of software technology.

In addition, we have two panel sessions covering topical and controversial issues such as software reuse and the application of object-oriented technology. Panelists were carefully selected by the organizers to balance perspectives between practitioners and researchers. We would like to thank the panel organizers and participants.

Finally, we are grateful to Regina Spencer Sipple and Bob Werner of the IEEE Computer Society Press for their efforts in publishing these proceedings.

On behalf of the organizing committee members, we cordially welcome you to APSEC '96 and hope you enjoy our program.

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